



## **Commissioner Jack Morman**

**Harris County Precinct Two**

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### **Statement on Behalf of Harris County Commissioner Jack Morman**

**October 20, 2016**

My name is Jacque Darbonne, the Safety and Emergency Management Director for Harris County Precinct 2, which includes the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site.

On behalf of Commissioner Jack Morman, I want to welcome you to our Precinct 2 Highlands Community Center and restate our strong support for the decision by the EPA to totally remediate the site as the preferred alternative. We believe this is the only option that will insure that area residents will be protected long term from the catastrophe of cap failure in the years ahead.

Additionally, residents far downstream along Galveston Bay, also in Precinct 2, will benefit knowing that the Bay is protected from the consequences of cap failure at this site.

The EPA decision has the unquestioned support of a broad coalition of county officials. This support includes all elected officials and key county departments such as the Flood Control District, the Health Department, the Public Infrastructure Department and, of course, our County Attorney's office, which has led the way in this effort.

Harris County pledges all available resources of cooperation with the EPA in the cleanup process. Thank you for holding this meeting and we look forward to the day when the dioxin hazard no longer haunts our neighborhoods and our future.